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To Whom It May Concern::

I am writing to express my opposition to the Bush administration's proposal to repeal the Clinton administration's rules on federal contractor responsibility. The rules require contracting officers to look at a company's record of complying with the law in deciding whether the company is a "responsible contractor" eligible to receive a federal contract.

As a taxpayer, I want my tax dollars to go to responsible companies that comply with the law, not to corporate lawbreakers. Companies that routinely violate laws designed to protect the environment, consumers, workers and other important rights shouldn't be rewarded with valuable federal contracts. That's unfair to companies that do comply with the law and allows chronic violators to profit from their lawbreaking.

I urge the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council not to repeal the contractor responsibility rules-and to let the rules go into effect without further delay.

As an attorney, I realize how invaluable the contractor responsibility rules are; I have personally seen companies change their egregious behavior when faced with the threat of losing their government contracts. As an informed voter, I urge you to not repeal these rules

Sincerely,
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